HOUSE BILL 962

By Casada

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 2, Chapter 10, relative to filing of complaints.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 2-10-108(b), is amended by designating the existing language as subdivision (1) and by adding the following language as subdivision (2):

(2)

- (A) Any sworn complaint that is filed against a candidate in any state election, as defined in § 2-10-102, during the period from thirty (30) days immediately prior to the election through election day shall be considered filed but the registry of election finance shall take no action relative to the complaint during this thirty-day period. In addition, the registry of election finance shall not initiate a complaint during the thirty-day period.
- (B) During the thirty-day period, the registry of election finance shall stay any proceedings with regard to a complaint filed against a candidate more than thirty (30) days prior to voting for the election; provided, that the candidate may waive the postponement in writing.
- (C) For purposes of this subdivision (2), any provisions of this chapter setting time periods for initiating a sworn complaint or for performing any other action are considered tolled until after the election at which the candidate stands for elective office.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring

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